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Louisiana Milk Production

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 124 million pounds of milk during the April-June 2005 quarter, down 5 percent from the same period in 2004. The number of milk cows averaged 36,000 head during the quarter, down 5 percent from last year.



United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major states during June totaled 13.7 billion pounds, up 5.4 percent from June 2004. May revised production, at 14.3 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from May 2004. The May revision represented an increase of 26 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,683 pounds for June, 76 pounds above June 2004.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.13 million head, 47,000 head more than June 2004, and 9,000 head more than May 2005.

Milk production in the U.S. during the April-June quarter totaled 45.6 billion pounds, up 4.1 percent from the April-June quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.04 million head, 34,000 head more than during the same period last year.

Milk Production: Selected States, April - June 2004 – 2005

		il-June : Cows¹	April-June Milk Production ²		
Selected States	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	The	ousands	Million Pounds		
Alabama	17	16	66	63	
Arkansas	24	23	85	82	
Louisiana	38	36	131	124	
Mississippi	27	26	104	109	
Oklahoma	79	75	329	321	
Tennessee	76	72	310	295	
Texas	318	320	1,587	1,704	
23 Major States ³	8,083	8,130	12,988	13,684	
United States	9,001	9,035	43,824	45,633	

¹ Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

³ Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

U.S. Wheat Production

Winter Wheat acres harvested for grain are forecast at 34.3 million, down 1 percent from 2004. The harvested area is unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2005, but down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast. Harvest progress, in the 18 major producing states, was 62 percent complete by July 3. This was 2 percentage points ahead of last year and 1 point ahead of the 5-year average.

Yield decreases from last month are forecast in parts of the central Great Plains, as harvest revealed that dry spring conditions had more of an impact than previously thought. Elsewhere in the Hard Red Winter growing area, yield prospects are improved from the previous forecast. Severe storms in the Texas panhandle delayed harvest during much of June. However, by the end of the month harvest progress was near normal. With harvest just getting underway in South Dakota and Montana, growers in both states expect a record high yielding crop.

Yields are much better than previously expected across nearly all of the Soft Red Winter region. Harvest is nearly complete in the southern portions of the growing area. Record high yields are expected in Kentucky, North Carolina and Tennessee, with each state's forecast increasing 10 or more bushels from last month.

White Wheat yield forecasts in the Pacific Northwest are equal to or higher than those of a month ago. The Idaho yield forecast is a record high. Harvest is just getting underway across the region.

June 1, 2005 Crop Report, Winter Wheat

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	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
		Ind		Ind		Ind	
Selected States	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000	Acres	Bush	nels	1,000 Bu	ishels	
Arkansas	620	165	53.0	55.0	32,860	9,075	
Colorado	1,700	2,400	27.0	27.0	45,900	64,800	
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	39.0	314,500	374,400	
Louisiana	165	120	50.0	1/	8,250	1/	
Mississippi	135	95	53.0	48.0	7,155	4,560	
Oklahoma	4,700	3,900	35.0	33.0	164,500	128,700	
Texas	3,500	3,200	31.0	31.0	108,500	99,200	
United States	34,462	34,271	43.5	44.5	1,499,434	1,525,302	

Not available until September 30, 2005.

2004 Pecan Production Down

Production of all pecans in the United States in 2004 totaled 185.8 million pounds, down 34 percent from 2003. Production of improved varieties, at 139.0 million pounds, was down 32 percent from the previous year, while the native and seedling output totaled 46.8 million pounds, compared to the 79.2 million pounds the previous year.

The average price of all pecans in the United States was \$1.76 per pound, up .78 cents from 2003.

The value of utilized production in the U.S. was \$327 million in 2004, up 18 percent from the previous year. New Mexico led all states in value of pecan production with \$88.9 million, Georgia was second with \$78.1 million and Texas was third with \$66.8 million.

United States Pecans

Variety	Utilized Production			Price Per Pound			
variety	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004	
		1,000 Pounds		2002	Dollars	2004	
Improved Varieties ¹		1,000 1 ounus			Donars		
Alabama	4,000	7,000	1,000	0.670	0.940	1.210	
Arizona	16,000	22,500	·	1.030	1.040	1.850	
Arkansas	1,200	1,400	14,000 1,000	0.600	1.100	1.400	
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California	3,800	3,700	3,500	1.270	1.420	2.210	
Florida	500	500	400	0.870	1.000	1.500	
Georgia	42,000	60,000	42,000	1.020	1.000	1.770	
Louisiana	2,000	4,000	2,500	0.890	1.080	1.400	
Mississippi	2,100	4,800	700	0.950	0.860	1.300	
New Mexico	36,000	55,000	39,000	1.250	1.280	2.280	
North Carolina	1,500	2,200	70	0.950	0.850	2.000	
Oklahoma	1,500	1,500	6,000	0.600	1.120	1.600	
South Carolina	120	3,300	800	0.970	0.850	1.800	
Texas	20,000	37,000	28,000	1.020	1.110	1.840	
United States	130,720	202,900	138,970	1.070	1.100	1.920	
Native and Seedling							
Alabama	1,000	1,000	100	0.490	0.690	.840	
Arkansas	500	2,400	700	0.500	0.720	1.200	
Florida	900	1,600	100	0.500	0.600	.950	
Georgia	3,000	15,000	3,000	0.680	0.640	1.240	
Kansas	2,900	2,000	1,800	0.750	0.870	1.750	
Louisiana	4,000	16,000	6,500	0.500	0.680	.950	
Mississippi	900	2,200	300	0.550	0.500	.800	
North Carolina	400	300	30	0.600	0.500	1.500	
Oklahoma	8,500	4,500	22,000	0.500	0.800	1.350	
South Carolina	80	1,200	300	0.570	0.720	1.400	
Texas	20,000	33,000	12,000	0.650	0.690	1.270	
United States	42,180	79,200	46,830	0.603	0.683	1.280	
All Pecans							
Alabama	5,000	8,000	1,100	0.634	0.909	1.180	
Arizona	16,000	22,500	14,000	1.030	1.040	1.850	
Arkansas	1,700	3,800	1,700	0.571	0.860	1.320	
California	3,800	3,700	3,500	1.270	1.420	2.210	
Florida	1,400	2,100	500	0.632	0.695	1.390	
Georgia	45,000	75,000	45,000	1.000	0.928	1.730	
Kansas	2,900	2,000	1,800	0.750	0.870	1.750	
Louisiana	6,000	20,000	9,000	0.630	0.760	1.080	
Mississippi	3,000	7,000	1,000	0.830	0.747	1.150	
New Mexico	36,000	55,000	39,000	1.250	1.280	2.280	
North Carolina	1,900	2,500	100	0.876	0.808	1.850	
Oklahoma	10,000	6,000	28,000	0.515	0.880	1.400	
South Carolina	200	4,500	1,100	0.810	0.815	1.690	
Texas	40,000	70,000	40,000	0.835	0.912	1.670	
United States	172,900	282,100	185,800	0.833 0.955	0.912 0.984	1.760	
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¹ Budded, grafted, or top worked varieties.

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